

**AMENDMENTS****In the Claims**

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“\_\_\_”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“—”) being deleted:

1. (Currently Amended) A method processed by a computing device at a sender location, comprising the steps of:

receiving, by the computing device at the sender location, an instant messaging (IM) address of a contact of ~~the~~ a sender;

receiving, by the computing device at the sender location, an email address of ~~a contact;~~  
the contact of the sender;

receiving, by the computing device at the sender location, a sender defined reference identifier (ID) from the sender, the sender defined reference identifier (ID) being adapted to identify the individual ~~contact;~~ contact of the sender;

correlating, by the computing device at the sender location, the IM address to the sender defined reference identifier; and

~~correlating~~ correlating, by the computing device at the sender location, the email address to the sender defined reference identifier (ID).

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
~~receiving, by the computing device at the sender location, an email address of the individual contact;~~  
~~correlating, by the computing device at the sender location, the email address of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID);~~  
receiving, by the computing device at the sender location, a telephone number of the individual contact;  
correlating, by the computing device at the sender location, the telephone number of the individual contact to the sender defined reference identifier (ID);  
receiving, by the computing device at the sender location, an address of the individual contact;  
correlating, by the computing device at the sender location, the address of the individual contact to the sender defined reference identifier (ID);  
receiving, by the computing device at the sender location, personal information of the individual contact; and  
correlating, by the computing device at the sender location, the personal information of individual contact to the sender defined reference identifier (ID).
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
receiving, by the computing device at the sender location, a telephone number of the individual contact; and  
correlating, by the computing device at the sender location, the telephone number of the individual contact to the sender defined reference identifier (ID).

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
- receiving, by the computing device at the sender location, an address of the ~~individual~~ contact; and
- correlating, by the computing device at the sender location, the address of the ~~individual~~ contact to the sender defined reference identifier (ID).
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
- receiving, by the computing device at the sender location, personal information of the ~~individual~~ contact; and
- correlating, by the computing device at the sender location, the personal information of ~~individual~~ contact to the sender defined reference identifier (ID).

6. (Currently Amended) A method processed by a computing device at a sender location, comprising the steps of:

receiving, by the computing device at the sender location, sender input, the sender input comprising multiple instant messaging (IM) addresses of an individual contact of the sender, the multiple IM addresses comprising IM addresses from different IM accounts, each of the different IM accounts being adapted to transmit and receive IM messages using a different IM protocol;

receiving, by the computing device at the sender location, a sender defined reference identifier (ID) from the sender, the sender defined reference identifier (ID) being adapted to identify the individual contact; and

correlating, by the computing device at the sender location, each of the multiple IM addresses to the sender defined reference identifier (ID).

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of:

receiving, by the computing device at the sender location, an email address of the individual contact; and

correlating, by the computing device at the sender location, the email address of the individual contact to the sender defined reference identifier (ID).

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of:
- receiving, by the computing device at the sender location, a telephone number of the individual contact; and
- correlating, by the computing device at the sender location, the telephone number of the individual contact to the sender defined reference identifier (ID).
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of:
- receiving, by the computing device at the sender location, an address of the individual contact; and
- correlating, by the computing device at the sender location, the address of the individual contact to the sender defined reference identifier (ID).
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of:
- receiving, by the computing device at the sender location, personal information of the individual contact; and
- correlating, by the computing device at the sender location, the personal information of individual contact to the sender defined reference identifier (ID).

11. (Currently Amended) A system processed by a computing device at a sender location comprising:

first receive logic, processed by the computing device at the sender location, and the first receive logic configured to receive first sender input, the first sender input comprising multiple instant messaging (IM) addresses of an individual contact of the sender, the multiple IM addresses comprising IM addresses from different IM accounts, each of the different IM accounts being adapted to transmit and receive IM messages using a different IM protocol;

second receive logic, processed by the computing device at the sender location, and the second receive logic configured to receive second sender input, the second user input comprising a sender defined reference identifier (ID), the sender defined reference identifier (ID) being adapted to identify the individual contact; and

correlate logic, processed by the computing device at the sender location, and the correlate logic configured to correlate each of the multiple IM addresses to a reference the sender defined reference identifier (ID), the sender defined reference identifier (ID) being adapted to identify the individual contact.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

receive logic, processed by the computing device at the sender location, and configured to receive an email address of the individual contact; and

correlate logic, processed by the computing device at the sender location, and the correlate logic configured to correlate the email address of the individual contact to the sender defined reference identifier (ID).

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means for receiving, by the computing device at the sender location, an email address of the individual contact; and

means for correlating, by the computing device at the sender location the email address of the individual contact to the sender defined reference identifier (ID).

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

receive logic, processed by the computing device at the sender location, and configured to receive a telephone number of the individual contact; and

correlate logic, processed by the computing device at the sender location, and the correlate logic configured to correlate the telephone number of the individual contact to the sender defined reference identifier (ID).

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means for receiving, by the computing device at the sender location, a telephone number of the individual contact; and

means for correlating, by the computing device at the sender location, the telephone number of the individual contact to the sender defined reference identifier (ID).

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:  
receive logic, processed by the computing device at the sender location, and configured to receive an address of the individual contact; and  
correlate logic, processed by the computing device at the sender location, ~~and the~~ correlate logic configured to correlate the address of the individual contact to the sender defined reference identifier (ID).
17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:  
means for receiving, by the computing device at the sender location, an address of the individual contact; and  
means for correlating, by the computing device at the sender location, the address of the individual contact to the sender defined reference identifier (ID).
18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:  
receive logic, processed by the computing device at the sender location, and configured to receive personal information of the individual contact; and  
correlate logic, processed by the computing device at the sender location, ~~and the~~ correlate logic configured to correlate the personal information of individual contact to the sender defined reference identifier (ID).



19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means for receiving, by the computing device at the sender location, personal information of the individual contact; and

means for correlating, by the computing device at the sender location, the personal information of individual contact to the sender defined reference identifier (ID).